

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-10 and 23-25 are pending. Claims 11-22 have been canceled. Claim 23, the specification, and the Abstract have been amended. No new matter has been introduced.

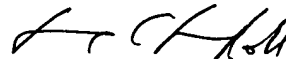
Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 1-10 and the indicated allowability of claims 23-25 if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 23 has been rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, claim 23 and claims 24-25 depending therefrom are allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,



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